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Airports in Andhra Pradesh
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether Bhogapuram airport in Andhra Pradesh is lying standstill because of land acquisition problems;

(b): if so, the details and current status thereof and the time by which the work on the project is likely to be executed;

(c): whether the Government has received any proposal to set up an airport in Nellore district in Andhra Pradesh;

(d): if so, the details and current status thereof including the funds allocated, released and spent so far for the project; and

(e): the time by which the airport is likely to be made operational?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) & (b): As per Greenfield Airport Policy, 2008, construction of any Greenfield Airport across the country requires two stage clearances i.e. "site clearance" and "in-principle" approval. A Steering Committee is constituted to examine & recommend the proposal before grant of requisite approvals based on the inputs received from members of the Steering Committee. Government of India (GoI) has granted "site clearance" to Infrastructure Corporation of Andhra Pradesh (INCAP) for setting up of a Greenfield Airport at Bhogapuram, Andhra Pradesh in January 2016. As per the techno economic feasibility report submitted by the project proponent for seeking "in-principle" approval, the development of airport is being planned and designed in two phases i.e phase I (2016-17 to 2019-20) and Phase 2 (2027-28 to 2029-30).

(c) to (e): Yes Madam. Government of India has granted the "site clearance" to INCAP for setting up of a Greenfield Airport in Dagadarthi Mendal, Nellore District, Andhra Pradesh in January, 2016. Government of Andhra Pradesh has a provision of Rs. 67 crores in 2016-17 Budget Estimates for this Airport. The timeline for construction of an airport depends upon many factors, such as, land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc. by the project proponent.